

IN THE GENERAL SESSIONS COURT OF TENNESSEE
FOR THE 25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT AT COVINGTON

STATE OF TENNESSEE,	*	
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Plaintiff,	*	
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Vs.	*	No. 14-CR-314
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MICHAEL WAYNE PARSONS,	*	
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Defendant.	*	

WHEREFORE, BE IT REMEMBERED that the
above-styled cause came on to be heard on this the
11th day of February, 2016, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.,
before the Honorable William Peeler, Judge,
presiding, when and where the following
proceedings were had:

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1 THE COURT: Mr. Parsons, have a seat,
2 sir.

3 Now this is in the matter of State of
4 Tennessee versus Michael Wayne Parsons.
5 Mr. Parsons is charged on warrant No. 14-CR-314
6 with being a convicted felon in possession of a
7 firearm. It's Tennessee Code Annotated
8 39-17-1307, subsections e and f.

9 He was charged under that warrant in the
10 General Sessions Court, and then as a result of
11 that new charge, he had his parole revoked and he
12 was subsequently indicted by the Tipton County
13 Grand Jury while he was actually in custody at the
14 Tennessee Department of Correction as a result of
15 his parole violation.

16 Mr. Parsons filed a motion for a
17 preliminary hearing while he was incarcerated and
18 Judge Walker has reviewed that request by
19 Mr. Parsons -- that was done pursuant to Rule 5 --
20 and Judge Walker remanded this case back to the
21 General Sessions Court to conduct the preliminary
22 hearing that Mr. Parsons demanded.

23 I have advised Mr. Parsons of his rights,
24 and on at least three separate occasions I brought

1 him in front of me and asked him if he had an
2 attorney, if he wished to have an attorney
3 appointed by the Court, or if he wished to
4 represent himself. And I've never been able to
5 get an answer thus far from Mr. Parsons as to
6 whether or not he wanted an attorney, had an
7 attorney, or wished to represent himself.

8 So pursuant to this rule, the Court is
9 required, within certain time constraints, to go
10 ahead and provide Mr. Parsons with a preliminary
11 hearing. It's not a trial, it's not a
12 determination of guilt or innocence. It's simply
13 a probable cause hearing, and because I cannot get
14 an answer as to whether or not Mr. Parsons wants
15 an attorney or intends to represent himself, the
16 Court's decided that it's just going to move
17 forward and conduct this preliminary hearing.

18 I reviewed the Circuit Court file and it
19 appears that since March 2015 Judge Walker -- at
20 least on a monthly basis -- Judge Walker has been
21 making the same inquiry of Mr. Parsons as to
22 whether or not he had an attorney, wished to have
23 a court-appointed attorney, or wished to represent
24 himself, and the record indicates that basically

1 Judge Walker has gotten the same answers that this
2 Court has gotten, and that is you can never get an
3 answer.

4 Mr. Parsons always wants to turn the
5 tables and ask the Court questions when what the
6 Court is trying to do is provide Mr. Parsons with
7 counsel, let his counsel answer his questions, and
8 we can never get past that.

9 In fact, I couldn't even get past
10 Mr. Parsons properly identifying himself before
11 the Court.

12 So anyway, the Court has decided that
13 pursuant to Judge Walker's order from the trial
14 court, I'm going to move forward with conducting
15 the preliminary hearing today and I have to assume
16 that Mr. Parsons does not wish to be represented.

17 Now, Mr. Parsons, I'm going to ask you
18 again before I start with this, do you have an
19 attorney?

20 (No response.)

21 THE COURT: Mr. Parsons? Do you have an
22 attorney, sir?

23 THE DEFENDANT: I'm Michael Parsons, not
24 the corporation or trust, which you're pursuing.

1 You do not have jurisdiction. Judge Walker did
2 not -- none of what you said earlier is true.

3 First of all, I have served this Court --

4 THE COURT: I got your notices --

5 THE WITNESS: I'm not an 8-USC 1401-A
6 statutory U. S. citizen, I am not that citizen.
7 This Court does not have jurisdiction. You're
8 operating administrative court.

9 What you said earlier about this motion
10 to dismiss was a lie. This is a motion to dismiss
11 the charge in the indictment; this is not a demand
12 for a preliminary hearing. Read it. On page 4 --

13 THE COURT: Judge Walker made that
14 decision, Mr. Parsons.

15 THE DEFENDANT: You're misquoting the
16 motion. He did not have the authority. I did not
17 give him consent to do any ruling on this
18 pertaining to a motion for a preliminary hearing.

19 What I cited was that this is to dismiss
20 the charge on page 3. The charge must now be
21 dismissed by the authority of Tennessee --

22 THE COURT: Judge Walker did not do that.
23 He did not --

24 THE DEFENDANT: This is my motion. He

1 can only rule on my motion.

2 THE COURT: He denied it. He denied it.

3 THE DEFENDANT: No, he did not. The
4 record does not show that.

5 THE COURT: He denied the motion.

6 THE DEFENDANT: You don't have proof of
7 that. Put forth the proof that he denied it.

8 THE COURT: I'm not going to put forth
9 any proof other than what we're going to do today,
10 Mr. Parsons, and we're getting ready to do it.

11 THE DEFENDANT: You don't have
12 jurisdiction.

13 THE COURT: The State's -- all right.
14 Here's what we're going to do. You're going to
15 sit there and be quiet and the State is going to
16 move forward with providing the Court with what is
17 necessary to establish probable cause, if they can
18 do that. If they can not do that, then the charge
19 will be dismissed. But that's all we're doing
20 today. I'm not hearing your argument.

21 THE DEFENDANT: What jurisdiction is this
22 Court -- I've asked you multiple times, what
23 jurisdiction is this court?

24 THE COURT: And I told you I'm not

1 answering your question. I'll appoint an attorney
2 for you --

3 THE DEFENDANT: No, sir. You have to
4 tell me, is this an administrative --

5 THE COURT: I don't have to tell you
6 anything. I don't have to tell you anything.

7 THE DEFENDANT: I demand this be moved to
8 a --

9 THE COURT: Mr. Parsons, I'm going to
10 tell you this. You can sit there quietly and you
11 can listen to the court proceedings, but if you're
12 going to continue down this road of challenging
13 the jurisdiction of the Court, and you're going to
14 disrupt my hearing, I'm going to have you excluded
15 from the hearing and I'll go ahead and decide the
16 case without you being present.

17 So the record will reflect that once
18 again, for at least the fourth time, I have asked
19 Mr. Parsons if he wanted a court-appointed
20 attorney, and I've also asked him if he wishes to
21 represent himself, and he has not responded for
22 the fourth time. All Mr. Parsons wants to do is
23 talk about jurisdiction, and the Court's not going
24 to deal with that.

1 THE DEFENDANT: You can't proceed without
2 jurisdiction.

3 THE COURT: Watch us. We're getting
4 ready to --

5 THE DEFENDANT: That makes this a
6 criminal court. You're --

7 THE COURT: It is a criminal court,
8 you're charged with a criminal offense, and you
9 are a convicted felon and you're charged with
10 being in possession of firearms as a convicted
11 felon, and that's what the Court's going to hear.
12 Now --

13 THE DEFENDANT: The international supreme
14 court overruled that. I'm no longer a convicted
15 felon. That charge was overturned by the
16 international supreme court. I've got the
17 document here to certify you. I've also --

18 THE COURT: By some court in British
19 Columbia that represents some --

20 THE DEFENDANT: It is superior to the
21 United States Supreme Court. That means it's
22 superior to you. I'm a Chilcotin native; right
23 here for you to read, sir.

24 THE COURT: I've got the entire file.

1 THE DEFENDANT: I'm also an associate
2 justice. You do not have jurisdiction over me.
3 I'm an internationally protected person. I demand
4 to be released immediately.

5 THE COURT: The trier told --

6 THE DEFENDANT: This is an international --

7 THE COURT: -- the Court, which I deem to
8 be really a threat and considered to turn it over
9 to Homeland Security. They, in their
10 correspondence with the Court, said that if I did
11 not release you, they were declaring war on this
12 Court.

13 THE DEFENDANT: That's not what it says.
14 That's a lie. That's not what it says. It says
15 that Tennessee is declaring war on them. You need
16 to read the document and quit lying about what it
17 said. You're committing fraud upon the Court.

18 You need to also remove him from the
19 bench right now. He is a fraud --

20 THE COURT: Mr. Parsons, here's what it
21 says. It says: "Anything short will be deemed by
22 the native people as a declaration of war on your
23 part." I'm reading that verbatim.

24 THE DEFENDANT: Your part. You're

1 declaring war on the native people of the
2 Chilcotin nation.

3 THE COURT: Well, they're declaring war
4 on me, is what it says.

5 All right. Well, Mr. Parsons, enough
6 arguing.

7 General, I'm going to ask the State to go
8 ahead and proceed. The warrant sets out an
9 incident of February 11, 2014, and I've already
10 read Mr. Parsons at one of the previous hearings,
11 which has been recorded on audio and video; I read
12 him all of the factual allegations that were made
13 against him -- and maybe I ought to just read it
14 again just so it's clear in the record.

15 The warrant alleges: On February 11 the
16 Tipton County Sheriffs Department, Tipton County
17 Animal Control and Dr. Aubrey Haley, DVM, and
18 Michael Parsons' parole officer, Danny Johnson,
19 went to 444 Hughes Road in regards to an animal
20 cruelty complaint from PETA and to conduct a
21 compliance check to determine if Michael Parsons
22 was in compliance with the conditions of his
23 parole.

24 The animals were visually examined by

1 Dr. Haley and appeared to be in satisfactory
2 health and have adequate shelter.

3 Parole Officer Danny Johnson and
4 Investigator Michael Green conducted a search of
5 Parsons' residence. Inside the residence
6 Investigator Green located two camouflage-type
7 backpacks. Inside the two packs were
8 approximately 865 rounds of different caliber
9 ammunition.

10 Investigator Green then asked Patricia
11 Parsons if there were any guns in the house and
12 she stated there was a rifle in the bedroom. She
13 then took me back to their bedroom and pointed to
14 a closet with no door. I located a Remington 700
15 ADL .308 caliber -- it's got the serial number
16 listed -- rifle.

17 Patricia Parsons stated she did not
18 initially tell me the gun was there because she
19 wanted to protect her husband.

20 Investigators then continued to search in
21 what Patricia called Mike's office. Investigators
22 located two AR-15 Beta magazines, a Tactical
23 Industries .22 caliber conversion kit for an AR-15
24 and a .22 caliber magazine for an AR-15.

1 Investigator Green spoke with Patricia
2 Parsons and asked her again if there were any
3 other weapons in the house. She stated she had
4 a .357 pistol in the same bedroom as the rifle.
5 She stated it belonged to her. I located a Smith
6 & Wesson model 686 -- and it has the serial number
7 listed -- loaded with six rounds of ammunition in
8 a shoe box approximately two feet from the side of
9 the bed.

10 Michael Parsons was arrested for being a
11 convicted felon in possession of a firearm and
12 transported to the jail.

13 That's the charge against Mr. Parsons.

14 General Freeland, I'll ask you to
15 proceed. This is a preliminary hearing. The
16 Court is --

17 THE DEFENDANT: Are we following the
18 rules of court? The rules of court, do they
19 apply?

20 THE COURT: The Court has made --

21 THE DEFENDANT: I object to your Honor
22 reading something into the record that no witness
23 has taken an oath to attest to.

24 THE COURT: Your objection is noted,

1 Mr. Parsons. Those are the allegations against
2 you, and that's what the Court is going to decide
3 if there's probable cause.

4 Go ahead, General, let's move on.

5 MR. FREELAND: The State will call Parole
6 Officer Danny Johnson.

7 THE DEFENDANT: May I be entitled to have
8 my information that was brought for me to
9 prepare -- since you've had me locked up for a
10 month and I've had no access to legal counsel, may
11 I at least have access to my notes?

12 THE COURT: Mr. Parsons, you will not
13 acknowledge to me that you are representing
14 yourself. You won't tell me if you're --

15 THE DEFENDANT: I'm not a corporate
16 fiction; I'm a live man.

17 THE COURT: I understand.

18 THE DEFENDANT: I have rights.

19 THE COURT: You made it very clear you're
20 a live man, and that you're not Michael Wayne
21 Parsons, and that's been --

22 THE DEFENDANT: You're coming after a
23 corporate fiction.

24 THE COURT: What is it you're --

1 THE DEFENDANT: Are you not the trustee
2 of the Michael Parsons trust?

3 THE COURT: Mr. Parsons, I'm not going to
4 answer your questions.

5 THE DEFENDANT: Where's the clerk? The
6 clerk would be the administrator --

7 THE COURT: All right, all right. Move
8 on, General. Let's hear from the Officer.

9 EDWARD DANNY JOHNSON,
10 the said witness, having been first duly sworn, was
11 examined and testified as follows:

12 DIRECT EXAMINATION

13 BY MR. FREELAND:

14 Q State your name, please.

15 A I'm Edward Danny Johnson. I'm a Parole Officer
16 with the State of Tennessee out of the Jackson Parole
17 Office.

18 Q How long have you been a parole officer for the
19 State of Tennessee?

20 A Approximately seven years, sir.

21 Q So you would have been in that capacity in
22 February 2014, correct?

23 A That's correct.

24 Q What does your office cover, geographically?

1 A My office covers all of Tipton County, and at the
2 time in 2014, I also was parole officer in Haywood
3 County.

4 Q And among your parolees in 2014 did you have a
5 Michael Wayne Parsons as a parolee for aggravated assault
6 convictions, among other things, out of Tipton County?

7 A Yes, sir, I was his parole officer.

8 Q Had you met with him prior to February 11, 2014?

9 A Had I done what, sir.

10 Q Had you met with Mr. Parsons?

11 A Oh, yes, sir, numerous times.

12 Q Can you identify the Michael Wayne Parsons that
13 you had as a parolee in February 2014?

14 A Yes, sir, that's him seated right there
15 (indicating).

16 MR. FREELAND: The record will reflect
17 that the witness has identified the gentleman in
18 the orange jumpsuit as Michael Wayne Parsons.

19 Q On that date of February 11, 2014, did you have
20 occasion, along with others, to go to a 444 Hughes Road,
21 Brighton, Tennessee, address?

22 A Yes, sir, I did.

23 Q Is that in Tipton County?

24 A Yes, sir, that's Tipton County, and that's the

1 address where Mr. Parsons resides.

2 Q Is that the address that that gentleman at counsel
3 table over there gave you as his address?

4 A Yes, sir.

5 Q What was the purpose of your going to that address
6 at that time?

7 A I had been contacted by the Sheriff's Department
8 that there had been a complaint from PETA, which is
9 acronym for People For the Ethical Treatment of Animals,
10 about the animals that Mr. Parsons had on his property,
11 and he had numerous hybrid wolves and various animals,
12 and they asked if I would go out with them and conduct a
13 search and let the veterinarian go and check the animals.
14 That's what the initial thing was.

15 Plus, I'd also take that opportunity to do a home
16 visit while we were there since I had not been in his
17 home in sometime at that point.

18 Q As a parole officer, you do have a right to make
19 home visits with your parolees; is that correct?

20 A Yes, sir. Rule 8 of the Parole states that any
21 parolee in the State of Tennessee agrees to a search of
22 their home, person, vehicle, place of residence, by any
23 probation, parole officer, and law enforcement officer at
24 any time without probable cause, and also that home

1 visits are a normal function with every parolee or
2 probationer that we make from time to time.

3 Q And you did in fact then go to that location on
4 Hughes Road, correct?

5 A Yes, sir.

6 Q Describe to the Court whether or not you made
7 entry into the property, and if so, how.

8 A Okay. I was riding in a vehicle with two deputies
9 from the Tipton County Sheriff's Department. I had
10 called Mr. Parsons to let him know I was coming to do a
11 home visit. He drove -- his driveway from where --
12 there's a short area you can come off the road. Then
13 there's a locked gate and it's about three-tenths of a
14 mile from the gate up to his house.

15 On that day he did drive down to the gate in an
16 automobile. I got out -- I actually had a copy of his
17 parole certificate in my hand with the rules and what
18 have you on it. He was curious about who else was in the
19 vehicle. Ended up introducing -- there were people with
20 the Sheriff's Department that I was with, and we needed
21 to come on the property and conduct a home visit and a
22 search.

23 And he denied us access, saying he did not have
24 the key or any way to open the gate to us.

1 Q So you were on one side of the gate at his
2 property and he was on the other?

3 A Yes, sir. This went on for probably 10 or 15
4 minutes, telling him he needed to open the gate. I think
5 it even mentioned that he was going to be leaving, which
6 if he was leaving, he had to have a way to get the gate
7 open.

8 Eventually he tried to -- I think he tossed his
9 car keys, threw them off to one side. In fact, I think
10 Mr. Parsons saw some other vehicles parked on the road.
11 He went around the officers and was headed toward the
12 road, and I think they told him to stop and not go there.

13 At that point I think is when he tossed his keys.
14 His keys were recovered. One of the officers then got in
15 his car and they found -- I think there was actually a
16 remote that would unlock the gate and the gate was
17 eventually unlocked and we proceeded, myself, with the
18 officers, and I think the veterinarian that was there and
19 other officers did get up to the house and conduct a
20 search of the property, checked the animals.

21 Q Did you go into the house?

22 A Yes, sir, after they -- they did conduct a search
23 and the animals found -- I think the veterinarian found
24 that the animals were fine, they had adequate shelter,

1 wasn't a problem there.

2 While Mr. Parsons, I think, was talking with other
3 officers, myself and Investigator Green approached
4 Mrs. Parsons and I told her we needed -- I needed to
5 check the house because I had not been in the house in
6 sometime.

7 Q Can you see the person you're describing as
8 Mrs. Parsons in the courtroom?

9 A Yes, sir, she seated on this row in the kind of
10 greenish-colored top there with glasses.

11 Q That was the lady that you saw and was identified
12 to you as Mrs. Parsons, the wife of Mr. Parsons, correct?

13 A Yes, sir.

14 Q Was there anybody else in the residence?

15 A Not at the time. She unlocked the door for us to
16 go into the residence.

17 Q Other than law enforcement, were Mr. and Mrs.
18 Parsons the only ones in the residence?

19 A Mr. Parsons was not in the residence at the time
20 we went in and searched. He was around another building
21 speaking to officers.

22 Q Only Mrs. Parsons was in the residence, correct?

23 A It was myself, Investigator Green, and
24 Mrs. Parsons.

1 Q Describe the layout physically -- not in minute
2 detail -- but generally as to the size of the residence.

3 A In the entry door we went in, and off to the right
4 there was a room with a desk. I recall it had a laptop
5 on it. There was a lot of boxes and things, and a couple
6 of camouflage backpacks on the thing. I did -- as we
7 stepped in, I did ask Mrs. Parsons if this was Michael's
8 office and she said, Yes, it was, and I pointed at the
9 camouflage bags and asked her if those were his "go
10 bags," like, you know, if there was an Apocalypse or
11 something came. She said, "Yes, those are Michael's 'go
12 bags.'"

13 Investigator Green and I -- I think from there,
14 just to the left there's like the kitchen area, then you
15 have a hall on down left goes into the bedroom at the end
16 of this mobile home.

17 We did enter Mr. Parsons's -- what his wife
18 identified as his office. Began to look through the bags
19 that she identified as his bags, and it was in those bags
20 we found several hundred rounds of ammunition. A good
21 portion of that was that .308 ammo that would be used in
22 the weapon, the rifle that was later found in his
23 bedroom. We found in fact there were two -- I think a
24 couple of -- I can't remember if it was 50- or 100-round

1 drum-type ammo magazines that would fit an AR-type
2 weapon. There was a bayonet. Just a lot of different
3 things. There were many different calibres. I think
4 there were .22 ammunition, may have been .357 magnum. I
5 know .308 -- a lot of .308 magazines.

6 We did find some parts and things -- we never
7 found an AR-type weapon, but we did find an AR conversion
8 kit, to convert like 223-round AR to be able to fire .22s
9 that somebody, if they wanted to practice but not spend a
10 lot of money on ammo, they could convert their regular
11 weapon that normally shot a 223-round shoot .22.

12 I think while I was still in there Investigator
13 Green asked Mrs. Parsons if there were any weapons in the
14 house. At that time she did say something to him about
15 there was a rifle in the bedroom. He went down the hall
16 with her and shortly thereafter came back into the
17 kitchen area carrying a box with a scoped AR rifle .308
18 caliber.

19 He did ask her also, I think a little bit later,
20 if there were any other weapons in there. She said there
21 was a pistol, and when he went back in the bedroom he did
22 find a loaded .357 magnum pistol in a -- I can't remember
23 if it was in a shoebox or some kind of box that was
24 within a couple feet of the bedside.

1 Q Did you see Investigator Green with what you
2 described as the handgun and the rifle?

3 A Yes, sir.

4 Q Let me, if I could, pass you a photograph and ask
5 you if you can identify -- if you recognize what that
6 depicts?

7 A This does appear to be the handgun, sir.

8 MR. FREELAND: Your Honor, we move to
9 make that photograph the next-numbered exhibit.

10 THE DEFENDANT: I object. The evidence
11 that's available and the evidence -- I do not
12 recognize the pictures as reliable.

13 THE COURT: Your objection is overruled,
14 Mr. Parsons. The Court will accept the photograph
15 in lieu of bringing this gun into the courtroom.

16 It will be marked as Exhibit 1.

17 (Photo was marked as Exhibit 1.)

18 THE COURT: Go ahead, General.

19 BY MR. FREELAND:

20 Q Let me show you another photograph and ask if you
21 can identify what this depicts, if you can.

22 THE DEFENDANT: Can I be provided access
23 to see these exhibits?

24 THE COURT: Certainly. Now, Mr. Parsons,

1 here's the thing that troubles me, and I'm not
2 going to get into arguing with you. But you have
3 never told me that you're representing yourself.
4 So as far as I'm concerned you're not
5 representing. You don't have hired attorney, you
6 don't have court-appointed attorney, and you will
7 not acknowledge to the Court that you want to
8 represent yourself. So I'm doing you a favor by
9 passing those documents to you, and I'm going to
10 let you look at them. You can look at them. You
11 asked to look at them, and there they are.

12 Now move on, General.

13 A That is the -- does appear to be the weapon that
14 we took out of the house that day that was found in the
15 closet by -- well, Mrs. Parsons showed Investigator Green
16 where it was.

17 MR. FREELAND: Your Honor, we move to
18 have that second photograph of the rifle marked.

19 THE COURT: That will be marked Exhibit
20 2, and I'll have the Court officer show that to
21 Mr. Parsons.

22 (Photo was marked as Exhibit 2.)

23 BY MR. FREELAND:

24 Q Do you know who holds as evidence the .357 handgun

1 and the Remington .308 rifle?

2 A It's my understanding it's in the evidence room
3 here at the Tipton County Justice Center.

4 Q As a parole officer, would you ever be an evidence
5 custodian?

6 A No, sir, I'm not.

7 Q Did you see -- and looking in the backpack
8 described to you as being Mr. Parsons' backpack, did you
9 find ammunition compatible with a Remington .308 caliber
10 rifle?

11 A Yes, sir, a great deal of it.

12 Q Did you have any ammunition compatible with a .357
13 handgun?

14 A I believe we did. I can't say with absolute
15 certainty right now. I know the .308 rounds were there.
16 I'm not sure about the .357. The .357 was loaded when we
17 found it, though. It had rounds in it.

18 Q Is the mere possession of the ammunition a
19 violation of parole?

20 A No, sir. That would be a violation if he was on
21 probation. It's not a violation to have ammunition on
22 parole, which is an extraordinary difference in the
23 rules.

24 Q But the handgun possession and the possession of

1 the rifle led ultimately, of course, to violation of
2 parole; is that your understanding?

3 A Yes, sir. They are -- a handgun and a long gun of
4 any type is a violation of parole, and of course, the
5 law.

6 MR. FREELAND: That's all I have.

7 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. You can step
8 down.

9 Do you have any other witnesses, General?

10 MR. FREELAND: No, sir. Your Honor.

11 THE DEFENDANT: Can I cross-examine this

12 THE COURT: No, sir.

13 UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE: Your Honor, may I
14 speak?

15 THE COURT: No.

16 MR. FREELAND: Your Honor, I would like
17 to make as the next exhibit certified copies of
18 Tipton Circuit 6030 which indicate that on
19 November 23, 2009, Mr. Parsons was convicted of an
20 aggravated -- actually two counts of aggravated
21 assault, Counts III and IV of Docket No. 6030, and
22 I'd like to submit that, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: That's the proof of
24 conviction of felony?

1 MR. FREELAND: Certified copies of those
2 convictions out of the Circuit Court in Tipton
3 County.

4 THE COURT: All right. Now I thought
5 long and hard about this hearing and how the Court
6 was going to conduct it, and the Court has wide
7 latitude in the preliminary hearing stage. All
8 that is required is for the State to show that
9 there's probable cause. The Court is not required
10 to hear -- not required to hear evidence of
11 defense or alibi or whatever. All that the Court
12 is required to look at is whether there's probable
13 cause for the warrant to stand.

14 The State's put on sufficient evidence to
15 show the Court that there is probable cause for
16 the warrant to stand.

17 Mr. Parsons will not acknowledge to the
18 Court that he has an attorney, wants an attorney,
19 or even that he's representing himself.

20 So the Court is finding probable cause at
21 this point.

22 I'm concluding the hearing --

23 THE DEFENDANT: The State's witness
24 testified he didn't have -- I didn't have

1 possession. He sat there and testified I didn't
2 have possession; they were locked in a locked
3 house. Under 39-17-1307 the exception is if the
4 guns are locked up. I'm not in possession. He
5 sat there and proved I didn't have possession.

6 THE COURT: All right. The Court
7 listened to the evidence. The Court finds
8 probable cause. The case will be bound over to
9 the Grand Jury.

10 THE DEFENDANT: The Judge is a crook.

11 THE COURT: Now on the issue of bond, the
12 Court has also thought long and hard about that.
13 The Court has reviewed the Circuit Court files and
14 the transcripts that are in the file. Mr. Parsons
15 was convicted of two counts of aggravated assault
16 and two counts of misdemeanor theft, and he
17 received an effective sentence of seven years out
18 of the Circuit Court. Evidence presented at that
19 time established that Mr. Parsons had threatened
20 his victims with serious bodily injury, he had
21 pointed a gun at their heads, he had threatened to
22 kill them, and he had counted down while he was
23 holding the victims at gunpoint, and then he took
24 the victims' property while he held them at

1 gunpoint. All --

2 THE DEFENDANT: That was never alleged in
3 the trial. The Judge made it up to send me to
4 prison.

5 THE COURT: Also, the evidence was and
6 the testimony in that hearing was there had been
7 other altercations with neighbors, and on one
8 occasion he had struck a neighbor in the face and
9 had actually broken his nose.

10 After Mr. Parsons's parole was violated
11 on those new charges -- and he has the new charges
12 that are before this Court of possession of
13 firearms by a convicted felon.

14 Mr. Parsons will not acknowledge the
15 authority or the jurisdiction of this Court, and
16 in fact I couldn't even on the first day, get past
17 him identifying himself with his proper name, and
18 I could not get Mr. Parsons to answer the
19 questions of the Court, to respond to the
20 questions of the Court, and it is clear --

21 THE DEFENDANT: The Court won't respond
22 to --

23 THE COURT: -- he does not accept the
24 authority of this Court --

1 THE DEFENDANT: You don't have
2 jurisdiction, you don't have authority.

3 THE COURT: It continues on.

4 THE DEFENDANT: I have not consented to
5 give you jurisdiction.

6 THE COURT: He has stated his intention
7 to go to Canada. There have been letters --
8 multiple letters sent to the Court --

9 THE DEFENDANT: I will be here -- if
10 called upon, as I always have -- I've been here
11 every time the Court has invited me to be here.
12 I've never not once missed a court appearance when
13 I've been asked to appear.

14 THE COURT: The letters of the tribe
15 indicate that because of Mr. Parsons's standing in
16 the tribe and his appointment to associate
17 justice, that he has the right to freely travel
18 without interference, obstruction, or restraint
19 across borders to other countries and that he
20 enjoys internationally protected status and
21 diplomatic immunity, which creates great concern
22 for the Court.

23 THE DEFENDANT: That is the Jay Treaty
24 which this Court --

1 THE COURT: If he were to go to Canada
2 under the protection of tribal law, it would be
3 virtually impossible for this Court to regain
4 jurisdiction over him.

5 There have been threats made by the
6 Chilcotin nation to this Court stating that if
7 Mr. Parsons is not released, that they will deem
8 this as a declaration of war against this Court.

9 Based on all of that, the Court --

10 THE DEFENDANT: War against the court.

11 THE COURT: -- believes that Mr. Parsons
12 is a danger to the community and a danger to
13 others, based on his conviction of these incidents
14 involving dangerous --

15 THE DEFENDANT: Mr. Braxton (sic) shot at
16 my wife and my dog twenty-nine times. I said
17 "Stop shooting."

18 THE COURT: Okay. All right. The Court
19 finds him to be a danger to others and to the
20 community and also to be a flight risk, and he'll
21 be held without bond to be presented before Judge
22 Walker with the court date most likely being March
23 14, which would be State's day.

24 MR. FREELAND: Yes, sir.

1 That concludes the matter.

2 Sheriff, take Mr. Parsons into custody.
3 This Court's through with this matter.

4 THE DEFENDANT: I would order the Court
5 to return the property my wife gave back to
6 Mrs. Parsons. That is her property.

7 MR. FREELAND: What property are you
8 asking to be returned to your wife as her
9 property?

10 THE DEFENDANT: The files that she
11 presented that were to be given to me that were
12 never given to me. That needs to go back to her.

13 THE COURT: I don't know who has those,
14 Mr. Parsons. I don't have them.

15 THE DEFENDANT: Did you get it back?

16 MRS. PARSONS: No.

17 THE DEFENDANT: These officers have her
18 property. They need to return it immediately.
19 And I would also ask that her physical property be
20 returned. Since you've got me locked up,
21 obviously there's no concern -- she needs
22 protection for herself. That's her property.

23 THE COURT: That's evidence. You go
24 ahead.

1 MR. FREELAND: Your Honor, I'm curious as
2 to what physical property belongs to Mrs. Parsons.

3 THE COURT: Well, the guns, I guess is
4 what he's talking about. But that's evidence.

5 THE DEFENDANT: All these notes right
6 here belong to my wife.

7 THE COURT: Those were never presented to
8 the Court and I don't have those. So as far as
9 I'm, concerned, she can have them back. The
10 record will reflect they were never turned over to
11 the Judge, I never looked at those, so we'll
12 certainly just return those, undisturbed, back to
13 Mrs. Parsons.

14 That concludes the case. The Court will
15 stand adjourned.

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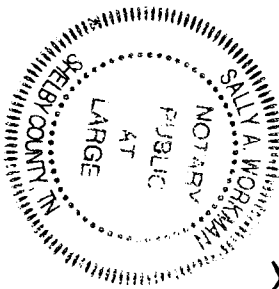
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